



# TOWN OF LOOMIS

ACTION MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL  
LOOMIS DEPOT

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TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER** Call to order by Mayor Baker at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present:

Mayor Baker  
Councilmember Black  
Councilmember Ucovich  
Councilmember Wheeler

Absent: Councilmember Morillas

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Casey Taylor, Del Oro Head Coach/  
Del Oro Golden Eagles Football Team

**MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- a few years ago we had a free tree program
- he would like to see something set up where residents could go to a local nursery and get a free tree
- he has been asked by several people when the divider on Taylor Road by Sierra College Boulevard will be completed

Brit Snipes, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, stated that they are preparing the documents now, to go out to bid and bring a contract back to council in March or April.

**TOWN REPORT**

**LOOMIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE**

Jenny Knisley stated the following:

- they have a new President and Economic Board
- they plan on doing a business walk again down Swetzer Road on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m.

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a five minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.

Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing date so that the material may be distributed to the Town Council prior to the public hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker is three minutes but can be changed by the Mayor.

Jean Wilson, Barton Road, stated the following:

- fruit trees were very popular during the free tree program
- she suggested giving away trees that are traditional to Loomis Fruit Growing, that would fit with the Branding program, and allow us to connect the two concepts

Dennis Oliveira, Rachel Lane, stated the following:

- there has been new developments on the oil transportation going through Loomis and he would like to share it with the Council sometime
- at the corner of Rippey and Taylor is a huge propane storage that is right where the train curves before it comes into Loomis
- accidents are a concern, and also the diesel fumes from the train when they are sitting in Loomis waiting for the tracks to switch

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Council will typically adopt the agenda in the order listed or modify the order in a way that can best accommodate the people in attendance who wish to speak on particular items.

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Morillas

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.

There was no public comment.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, except for item 8 that will be forwarded for discussion. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Morillas

#### CONSENT AGENDA

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

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|-----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Council Minutes – 1/12/16<br>11/24/2015 (With Mayor Baker abstaining)   | APPROVE<br>APPROVE                   |
| 2.  | Monthly Check Register – January  | RECEIVE AND FILE                     |
| 3.  | Statement of Activity   | RECEIVE AND FILE                     |
| 4.  | Treasurer's Report  | RECEIVE AND FILE                     |
| 5.  | Planning Status Report  | RECEIVE AND FILE                     |
| 6.  | Council Committee Report Update   | RECEIVE AND FILE                     |
| 7.  | Second Reading of Ordinance 263 of the Town Council of the Town of Loomis Establishing the Necessary Safety Equipment To Be Used At Town Skate Facilities | ADOPT ORDINANCE<br>Ordinance 263     |
| 9.  | Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Loomis Approving The Town's 2014 Updated Speed Survey   | ADOPT RESOLUTION<br>Resolution 16-02 |
| 10. | Mid-Year Budget Review  | APPROVE                              |

#### CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

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| 8. | Temporary Lease Agreement With Pacific Gas and Electric For The Use of Town Owned Property | APPROVE |
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Brit Snipes, Town Engineer/Public Works Director, stated the following:

- PG&E is requesting to use the Town property for a staging area and will put up a portable building
- the Town will be paid \$1000 a month for the use of the land for the duration of the project and will restore it back to what it was originally

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- originally that area they are using was a pile of weeds
- now they have cleared it out, put gravel there and it looks nice
- he doesn't want it to be restored back to a pile of weeds again

Brit Snipes said they will negotiate that with PG&E.

Andy Zwetsloot, with Roebbelen Contracting, stated they are working on the project for PG&E and they do plan on leaving the aggregate base down there.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to execute a temporary lease agreement with PG&E for the use of Town owned property. On motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Morillas

## BUSINESS

### 11. Active Transportation Program (ATP)

Update on the Town of Loomis Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant Application

Recommended action: No action requested, receive and file.

Public comment:

Rick Angelocci, Town Manager, expounded on the purpose of the grant, schedules, deadlines and what was included in the Town grant such as new ADA compliance sidewalks, bicycle lanes, street lights, improved safer pedestrian crossings and other improvements such as landscaping.

Jenny Knisley congratulated the Town.

Tim Onderko asked if there is a plan that the public can view.

Rick Angelocci stated the plans are at 65% and when we hold the next workshop we will know what it will look like.

Received and filed.

### 12. Town Branding Program – Building Wall Murals

The Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce is requesting a community grant not to exceed \$20,000 for the addition of 10 new building wall murals throughout Town.

Recommended action: Approve a community grant to the Loomis Chamber in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the painting of 10 building murals.

Public comment:

Jenny Knisley and Patricia Green, Loomis Chamber, answered questions and expounded on the following:

- there goal is to create a brand to promote the Town as a distinctive destination providing a unique small town dining and shopping experience while honoring and capitalizing on the Town's historical agricultural heritage
- there mission was to build a branding program around the historical fruit packing labels originating from the Loomis area through the creation of a walking historical loop
- they want to capitalize and build upon the existing five fruit packaging label murals and the Blue Anchor park and historical plaque while proposing additional locations for 10 additional murals and expanding the use of packing labels
- they have sent letters to all of the owners letting them know that we are proposing the additional murals that will be done by local artists
- this will impact Loomis economically, educationally and culturally for many years to come

Ramona Brockman, Horseshoe Bar Road, stated she agrees with the branding idea, it will help draw people to Loomis.

Councilmember Ucovich asked Council not to recommend placing a sign on the train depot to maintain the integrity of the building.

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to approve a community grant to the Loomis Chamber in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the painting of 10 building murals and the designs and locations to be approved by Council at a later date. On motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Morillas

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 13. Cultivation of Marijuana

Discuss proposed Urgency Ordinance of the Town of Loomis enacting Chapter 13.46 of the Loomis Municipal Code prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana

**Recommended action:** Adopt the proposed Urgency Ordinance enacting Chapter 13.46 of the Municipal Code Prohibiting the Cultivation of Marijuana and to direct staff to monitor the status of medical marijuana laws adopted by the State and come back to the Commission and Council with possible amendments to the medical marijuana cultivation ordinance upon action by the state.

**Public comment:**

Jeff Mitchell, Town Attorney, stated the following:

- last week Governor Brown signed AB 21, and the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline was removed, so the urgency no longer exists
- it is up to Council if they want to move forward with this and revise, to have first reading, table it, or bring it back to the Planning Commission
- the Council currently does not have in place zoning provisions that really address cultivation of Marijuana

Dennis Oliveira stated the following:

- indoor growing is dangerous and the cash and carry does bring a crime element
- Loomis is a unique little Town with three schools and a lot of kids
- he likes the idea of a grow free zone
- he wouldn't feel comfortable having an industrial grow house on Swetzer

Jean Wilson stated the following:

- the general sentiment of the Planning Commission was to pass no growth now, and then come back for revisions later
- my concern is about substantial agricultural and growing it as a crop, we have a lot of open space in Loomis
- the Town has a farm protection ordinance that protects all kinds of growing and she would like it to not include Marijuana

Jo Carol Arisman, Rachel Lane, stated the following:

- she moved here from South Sacramento where her neighborhood started out nice, then changed when Section 8 housing started, and then came the drugs
- she is totally opposed to any Marijuana growing in this town

Tim Onderko, Orchard Park Court, stated the following:

- this is a land use ordinance, it is not a moral issue
- the target has been to regulate large grow
- most jurisdictions in the Sacramento area are banning cultivation, with the exception of the City of Sacramento
- Loomis is a very unique town and if we don't take steps forward in banning cultivation then we can become an attraction to cultivation

Following further discussion on the matter, a motion was made to revise the title, deleting the "urgency," and hold first reading of Ordinance 264, Enacting Chapter 13.46 of the Loomis Municipal Code Prohibiting the Cultivation of Marijuana. On motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Black and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Baker, Black, Ucovich, Wheeler

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Morillas

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- he would like an update on the Loomis Library and the Village
- we need to send a letter to the City of Lincoln regarding Village 1 at the end of Sierra College and HWY 193 (adding 25,000 people) and we need to have the traffic on Sierra College Boulevard mitigated
- Emma's Bed and Breakfast on Taylor Road has been sold to the Maidu Indians for a school
- he is concerned with what might happen to the forty acres and would like to see if we can annex the property into Loomis

Rick Angelocci, Town Manager, stated the following:

- he will be meeting with Andy Heath from Placer County, discussing the financial aspects of the library
- he is in negotiations with Supervisor Holmes on the library building
- on the Village, they just received 3 copies of the Administrative Draft of the EIR, it will probably be ready for circulation in March
- they will be holding public hearings on the CEQA EIR for both the Council and Planning Commission
- then it will go into the project review phase and development agreement phase and the hearings

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Placer County Economic Development Board – Ucovich/Wheeler
- Placer County Flood Control/Water Conservation District – Morillas
- Placer County Transportation Planning Agency – Baker/Wheeler

PCTPA Funding Strategy Update Steering Committee - Baker

- Placer County Mosquito Abatement – Russ Kelley as citizen rep
- Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Black/Ucovich
- Local Agency Formation Commission – Ucovich
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Wheeler/Black
- Borders Committee – Morillas/Baker
- Business Committee – Black/Morillas
- Schools Liaison – Black/Baker
- SPMUD Ad Hoc Committee – Wheeler/Morillas
- Public Safety – Wheeler/Kelley/Boberg

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, Mayor Baker adjourned at 9 p.m.

  
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Mayor  
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Town Clerk

